

Coffee County Property Tax Notice

ELBA DIVISION
LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY
REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S
SALE

I, Ronald L. Williams, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, William O. Gammill, of said county on February 27, 2001 will put all real estate held in my order for cash; before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the time and legal manner on April 1, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. the following described real property for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2000, and tax due thereon for the year 2001.

3-8-1522-chg

ALLEN REED CATHERINE J/E
ETAL 01-05-000-000-000-000 SEC 07
TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E SEC 08
RY HGTS BLK 11 LOTS 23-24 ELBA
Taxes \$52.56
Adv. \$12.25
Total \$70.81

Taxes \$28.45
Adv. \$7.10
Total \$35.55BARNES FEDERAL & CHRISTINE
11-03-07-000-000-000 SEC 07
TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E SEC 08
RY HGTS BLK 11 LOTS 23-24 ELBA
Taxes \$52.56
Adv. \$12.25
Total \$70.81BAXLEY CURTIS R 04-01-07-0-
000-004-000 SEC 02 TWSHP 5N
RNGE 20E SEC 03 SW 1/4 OF
SEC 2 SW 1/4 OF CO RD 312
Taxes \$61.85
Adv. \$16.30
Total \$78.15BINSON TERESA ESTATE 11-
03-07-000-000-000 SEC 07
TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E MULBERRY
HGTS SUD BLD 6 LOT 25
Taxes \$28.91
Adv. \$10.00
Total \$38.91BUNTAIN JEANNINE 02-07-36-
000-008-004 SEC 3 TWSHP 5N
RNGE 20E COM AT INT OF E/RW
CO RD 14, TH NW 1/4 TO POB TH
SE 420, NE 210 NW 1/4 SW 210
Taxes \$57.02
Adv. \$20.35
Total \$77.37CARPENTER AMELIA 11-03-08-
003-015-000 SEC 02 TWSHP 5N
RNGE 20E A LOT IN SW 1/4 OF
SW 1/4 DESC AS FOL COM AT SE
COR OF TAYLOR MILL RD &
HICKORY AVE TH SW 220 TO POB
TH 161 S 83' 57" W 167 N 881' TO
POB CONT 1A C
Taxes \$122.00
Adv. \$33.05
Total \$145.05CARPENTER AMELIA 11-03-08-
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000-018-008 SEC 05 TWSHP 5N
RNGE 19E COM AT INT OF S/RW
OF CO RD 415 & WLY OF SE 1/4
E 1/4 & NW 1/4 SW 1/4 OF CO RD
RD 21, TH NELY 528' TH NWLY
148' SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SELY 146'
TO POB CONT 1A C
Taxes \$49.20
Adv. \$17.30
Total \$66.50COON LOUIS ANDER 12-04-18-0-
000-013-000 SEC 18 TWSHP 5N
RNGE 19E A LOT IN SE 1/4 OF
SW 1/4 DESC AS FOL COM AT SE
E 40 LINE SD 1/4 & E RW CO RD
TH S 600 W 210 TO SW 1/4 RW TH
NELY ALG RW 600 TO POB
Taxes \$98.69
Adv. \$25.30
Total \$123.99COOPER LUTHER BANCROFT JR
11-05-07-3-000-003-000 SEC 07
TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E SEC 08
COM AT NW COR OF SW 1/4 OF
SEC 7 TH E 48(S) TO POB TH
SWLY 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4
150' SELY 210(S) ELY 185(S)
NW 460(S), NELY 420(S) W 200' S
TO POB
Taxes \$94.77
Adv. \$26.55
Total \$97.42CROWELL LYNN & KRISTIE
01-02-0-000-001-001 SEC 02
TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E SEC 08
COR OF SEC 18 CO RD 220, SW 1/4
POB TH S 210; E 210; W 210; E
TO POB
Taxes \$35.76
Adv. \$19.90
Total \$55.66DANIELS CHARLIE C & JESSIE
MAE (DECEASED) 06-03-06-0-000-
000-000 SEC 02 TWSHP 5N
RNGE 20E SEC 08
PAYNE ST & WLY RW PLANT AVE
NELY 150' TO SW 1/4 NWLY 150'
NELY 60' SW 1/4 SELV 250(S) SWLY
ALG PLANT AVE 16' TO POB
Taxes \$8.43
Adv. \$1.90
Total \$10.13DAVIS ELAINE 11-04-18-0-000-000-
037-001 SEC 18 TWSHP 5N
RNGE 20E COM @ INT N/RW
PAYNE ST & WLY RW PLANT AVE
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ALG PLANT AVE 16' TO POB
Taxes \$26.91
Adv. \$7.23
Total \$34.05DOBUSE JIM J & JANE 11-05-21-
0-000-009-000 SEC 21 TWSHP 5N
RNGE 20E J/O ENGLISH S/D LOT 8
ELBA Taxes \$14.23
Adv. \$3.65
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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Elba City Council makes three board appointments and hears drainage complaint from resident

This week's news article came across the desk, written by an awful smart man... he wrote the same thing you have been reading here about Americans talking the country into a recession! This well known college professor/economist had more than our gut feelings to back up his comments and it still makes sense. Examples of it working can be seen in people hesitating to buy something they really want "because the economy MIGHT get worse."

This week's rains continue to keep people nervous about the levee, and we understand it's too well as we are walking in the same path as you others. We did a little due diligence in Elba. However, our concern is a bit more muted because of our own personalized experience. It isn't official and is another of our "gut feelings" so please take note. I understand we don't want to repeat it and cause someone harm. What we can explain is that we watch the rain volume upstream at Troy and Eufaula. We take into consideration the fullness of the ponds, creeks and the soil in general. Add to that the amount of rain in the Beaver Dam and Whitewater watersheds. Then we know that the weak points in the levee have already broken and been repaired. When all those items are totaled and some of that "gut feeling" added in, that sets our worry level and nothing has come close to triggering it this year. The high winds of this week were far more of a threat (in our mind) than the possibility of major flooding thus far in March 2001.

First class mail volume is down, according to the U. S. Post Office. This means losses are up in spite of the recent rate increase. Suggestions for cutting cost include closing some post offices or maybe even extending the delivery time a day or so. Boy, if they admit to doing that Elba Clipper subscribers more than a few miles from Elba will be getting history books and not newspapers! Many readers already complain of regular delays of a week or more and sometimes getting two or three editions of our weekly newspapers on the same day.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 5, 2001, investigated the following incidents: twelve thefts of property, one child molestation, one assault, one fugitive from justice, four burglaries, one criminal mischief, one domestic violence, two harassing communications, one illegal breaking and entering, one harassment, one death investigation, one shooting, one drowning, one auto accident, and one property recovery.

The following arrests were made: one on a fugitive from justice warrant; one for burglary; one for theft of property, two for receiving stolen property, and three for failure to pay.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for speeding, seven for violation of the seat belt law, one for no driver's license, eight for no insurance, two for driver's license not in possession, two for improper lights, one for driving while driver's license was suspended, one for no tag, and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows...

MONDAY, MARCH 5: River stage - 22.15 (6:35 a.m.); River stage - 22.37 (9:48 a.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 6: River stage - 19.38 feet (6:31 a.m.). Minor wreck reported at the intersection of Pittman and Main Streets.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7: River stage - 9.16 feet (6:37 a.m.). Fire department dispatched to a woods fire on Co. Rd. 1163 (7:23 p.m.). Routine activity.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8: River stage - 7.98 (6:25 a.m.). Fire department dispatched to a tire fire at the Dollar Tree (10:30 a.m.). Routine activity.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11: River stage - 9.16 feet (6:37 a.m.). Fire department dispatched to a woods fire on Co. Rd. 1163 (7:23 p.m.). Routine activity.

MOSCOW, MARCH 12: River stage - 18.19 (6:41 a.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

SOCIAL CLUB: Elba Courthouse 4th Tues (12:30-1:30) Call FREE 1-800-772-2115

ROTARY CLUB: Tuesdays or Mondays at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN: Meets at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

ELBA CITY COUNCIL: 2nd & 4th Mondays 6 p.m. City Hall.

WATER & ELECTRIC: Tuesdays following the Monday City Hall meeting.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. United Methodist Church on South on Hwy 84.

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN: 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.

BANISTER'S: 1st & 3rd Mondays 6 p.m. Elba High School.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER: Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 2-3 p.m. at VFW Building & Farm Center Complex 819-8588

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN: 1st Sat 3 p.m. Coffee Republican Women's Club.

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN: 3rd Wed. Noon Colony Inn Enterprise.

AARP AUTHORITY: 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.

CIVIL AIR PATROL: Every Monday 7 p.m. Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar.

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB: Mondays - 6:30 p.m., EHS Cafeteria

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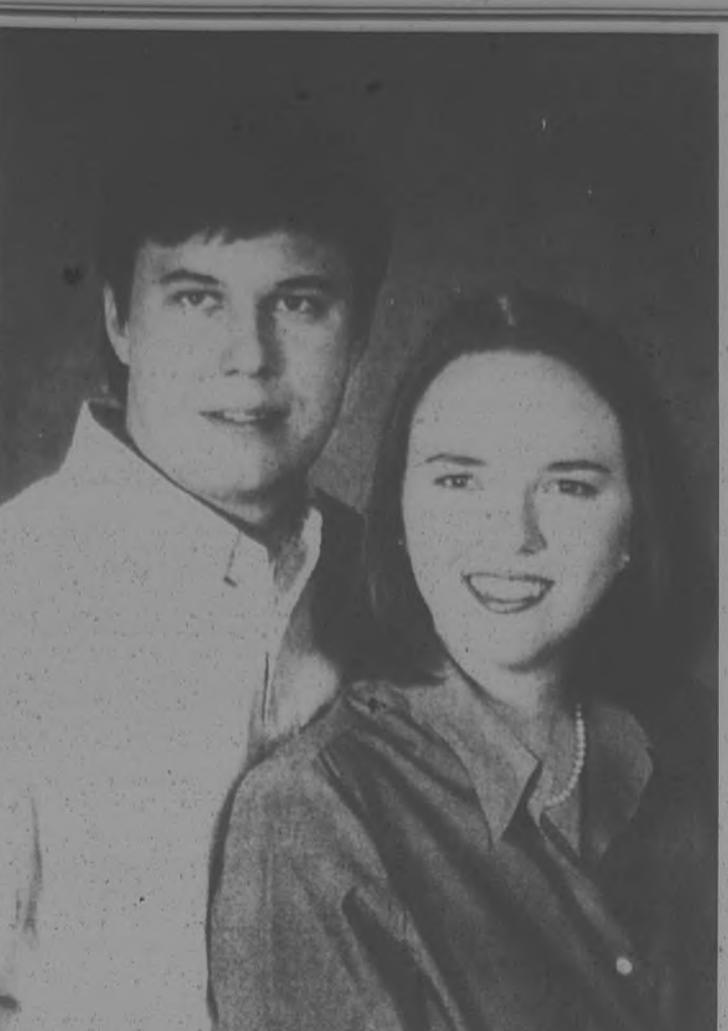
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LIFESTYLES



Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home will host quarterly Family Council/Sponsor Meeting

Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home will hold the quarterly Family Council/Sponsor Meeting on March 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room. A special program on Alzheimer's will be presented by Ms. Kay Jones of the Alzheimer's Resource Center of Dothan. The public is invited. For questions, contact Lynn Smith, LBSW, director of social services, Elba Nursing Home at 897-2257, ext. 238.

Douglas MacArthur State Technical College to offer Saturday Internet Seminar

The Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College will offer an introduction to the Internet Seminar on Saturday, April 21, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Raymond V. Chisum Health Sciences Building, Room 101.

This is an introduction seminar that offers basic Internet knowledge and skills including Internet terminology, working with browsers and searching the Internet. Topics covered include: Search Engines, Web Browsers, Web pages, URLs,

Valiece Moore selected as semi-finalist for 2001 Coca Cola Scholars Foundation Program



SCHOOLS

Student Spotlight

by Francis English
Name: Ashton Grimes
Parents: Bryan and Anita Grimes
Age: 14
Grade: 8th
Favorite Color: Orange
Favorite Music: Anything with a beat
Clubs/Activities: FCCLA, FFA, Band, Colorguard
Interests/Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, shopping, and talking on the phone



Ashton Grimes

Personal Quote: "Treat others the way you wish to be treated."

Ashton's favorite subject in school is science. She enjoys it so much because she likes going into the laboratory and doing experiments.

The one thing she likes best about Elba High School is the fact that she gets to spend time with her friends.

Test taking skills & schedule

by Carmenda Coleman

The following is the testing schedule for Elba City Schools: March '01 - Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE) - Science March 13 - AHSGE - Social Studies March 14 - AHSGE - Language March 15 - AHSGE - Math March 16 - AHSGE - Reading April 2 - SAT Training for all test administrators - EES - 3:00 April 3 - SAT Training for all test administrators - EHS - 3:00 April 3 - SAT - Math Procedures/Vocabulary - EES April 4 - SAT - Reading Comprehension - EES April 5 - SAT - Math Problem Solving - EES April 9 - SAT - Reading Comprehension & Vocabulary - EHS April 10 - SAT - Math - EHS April 10 - SAT - Language - EES April 11 - SAT - Social Sciences & Language - EHS April 11 - SAT - Science &

Social Science - EES April 12 - SAT - Science & OLSAT - EHS April 12 - OLSAT - EES

May 2 - Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing, Grades 5 & 7

Here are some helpful hints for taking any kind of test:

One Week Before a Test:

-Gather ALL materials together

-Gather notes

-Textbook marking

-Old exams

-Homework

-Divide up into logical portions

-Set goals for each course

One Day Before a Test:

-Review previous material

-Study a new portion

-Day Before Exam

-Compose and master study guides

-Take practice exam

-Day of the Exam

-Final review of study guide

-Go to exam confidently

Cramming? Reduce a smaller amount and Master

the material

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have never been much of a movie buff and rarely ever sit down long enough to watch a video, but the girls were out of school last Friday and to make certain they wouldn't run out of things to do, came home Thursday night with five videos to watch over the long weekend. I checked the rating on the videos and passed them on, but apparently one of the videos was more than a little scary, because on Saturday morning when I woke up our 12-year-old was in the bed with us. Hey, I don't like scary movies either!

A LOOK AT THE SPORTS NOTEBOOK....

*** The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last week and closed the week's action with a 1-1 record after a win over New Brockton and a loss to Brantley. The Tigers owned a big 9-1 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh against the Gamecocks, before turning back a late rally to escape with a 9-7 win, while they left the bases loaded with the score tied in the seventh and then lost in extra innings to 7-6. Elba starts four sophomores and three freshmen this season, and while the Tigers may struggle at times, the youngsters should get better and better as the season progresses. One key will be the pitching staff, especially with a tough schedule that includes three games a week, while another key will be how the new banners adjust to high school pitching. Elba should come easy for Coach Grimes and his team.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers will hit the field this week for their season opener, and for the third straight season the girls will be under the direction of a new head coach. Former Kinston coach Amelia Rhodes will guide the Lady Tigers this season, and while she inherited only four players back from last year's 46-14 squad, everyone on the team has been working hard in practice and the girls are excited about playing. This year's schedule includes 40 regular season games and 3 tournaments, and weather permitting, the Lady Tigers will play in a minimum of 48 games. That is a lot of games for even an experienced team to play. However, this year's bunch of Lady Tigers is determined to win, and there is no doubt they will work hard every day and in every game to improve. It should be a very interesting season.

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New Brockton scored in the bottom of the second to grab an early 1-0 lead, only to see the Tigers, after a single by an RBI single by Brandon Salter, score to second on a wild pitch to Mattie. Henderson reached third on a passed ball and struck out the next two batters to preserve the wild 9-7 win.

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Aaron Godwin reached on one-out single to get the fifth inning rally underway for the Tigers, and later scored on an RBI single by Brandon Salter, the Tigers' starting pitcher, returned to the mound to extinguish the rally, and struck out the next two batters to preserve the wild 9-7 win.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Walk! Alabama begins in Coffee County March 18

by Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

Looking for a fun and risk-free way to burn fat, lower blood pressure, lose weight, ward off heart disease, strengthen your bones and muscles, prevent certain cancers, boost your mood and add years to your life?

Walk! Alabama may be just what you're looking for.

Walk! Alabama is a fun, eight-week competitive walking program coming to Coffee County, March 18th through May 12th. It is designed to get Alabamians in the habit of walking for exercise.

How does Walk! Alabama work?

In each county, teams of

eight friends, neighbors, family members and/or co-workers can compete to see which team can walk the most miles and be the first to reach 850 miles.

The goal is for each county to get as many eight-member teams as they can to compete.

There are a lot of team possibilities: business versus business, business versus department, versus department, within a business, neighborhood versus neighborhood, mom versus dads, school class versus school class, school versus school, teachers versus students, teachers versus teachers, and church versus churches. The list goes on and on. Prizes will be awarded to the first team to reach the 850-mile goal, as well

as the team with the most miles.

Team members can walk as a group or individually. Each team member keeps a log of his or her miles and reports the total to a team captain each week. The team's total mileage is tracked weekly on an official "Walk! Alabama map" posted in the Coffee County Extension Office.

To participate, get an eight-member team together, name the team, choose a team captain and fill out a registration form. Forms are free and available in New Brockton at the Extension office. The Kick-off celebration for Walk! Alabama is scheduled for March 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community room of the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

For those interested, official Walk! Alabama T-shirts (\$14 each) and hats (\$14 each) may be purchased at each County Extension office.

For more information about Walk! Alabama contact the Alabama Cooperative Extension System office at 894-5591.

The chart at right is a rate comparison of some of the existing water-users of the Elba Water and Electric Board.

Rates on the top 12 to 15 high volume water users increase on a larger percentage than those shown with the 50,000 gallon user going from \$52.50 to \$92.50 and 70,000 gallon user increasing from \$560.00 to \$1,262.00.



PRESSURE CHECK...Indya Lawless (r), program coordinator for the Elba Parks and Recreation Department, took a few minutes to have her blood pressure checked by Cheryl Dunn (l) from the Coffee County Life Services Center on Tuesday, March 13, during the first ever Elba Health Fair. A check on blood pressure was only one of the many services provided to area citizens, free of charge, during the Health Fair.

Walk! Alabama was just one of the many projects Judy Killingsworth (left) and Angela Hughes (right) were promoting for the Coffee County Extension Office on Tuesday, March 13 at the Elba Health Fair.

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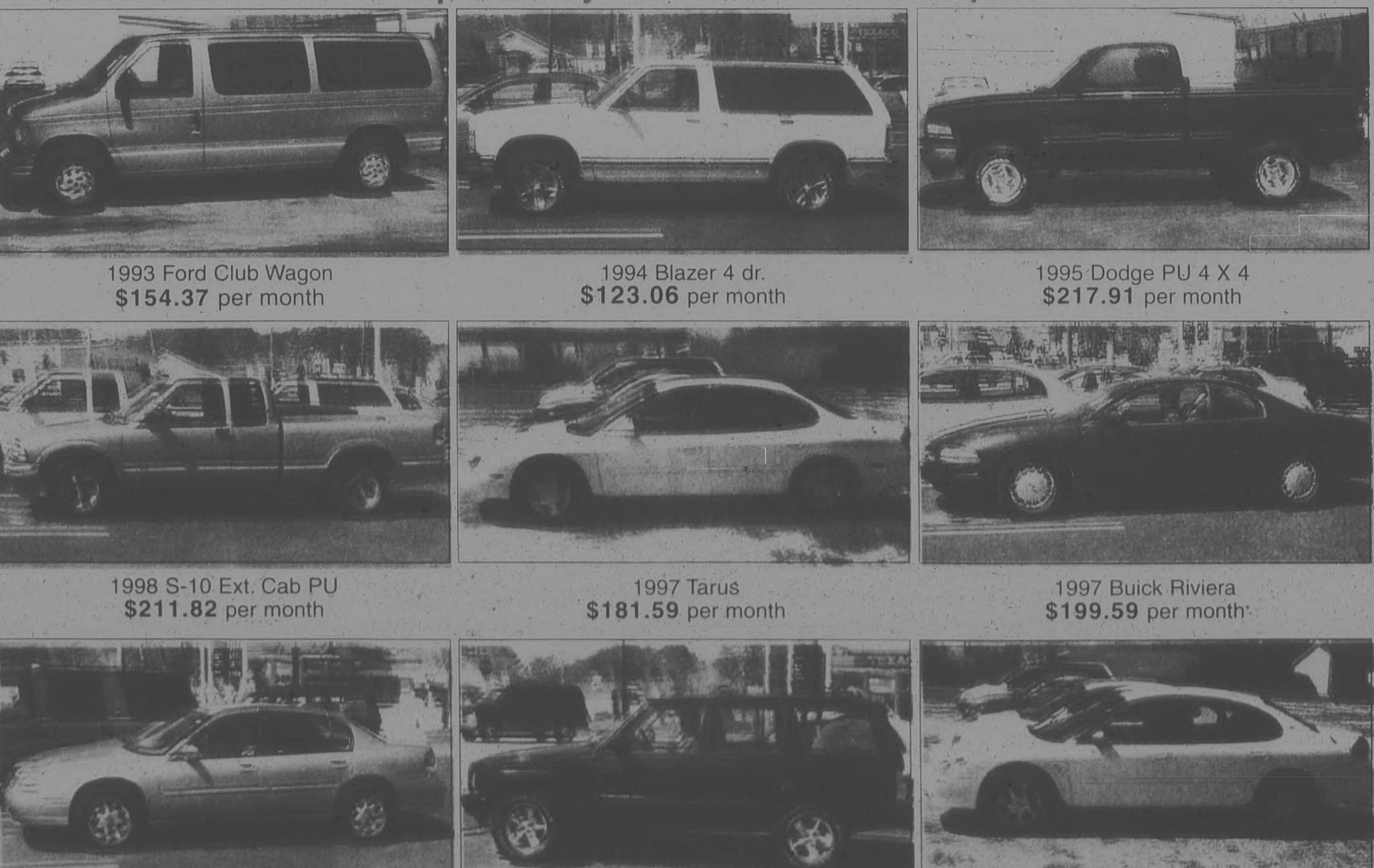
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483	AVERAGE 3,500	\$9.50	\$11.00
474	AVERAGE 7,000	\$16.25	\$19.50
230	AVERAGE 20,000	\$28.75	\$38.50

200 COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS

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S.A.V.E. PROGRAM TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

DA working to prevent violence in school

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The 12th Judicial Circuit's (Coffee and Pike counties) District Attorney, Mark Fuller, was the guest speaker at the Elba Lions Club meeting on Monday, March 12. His topic was the violence in today's schools.

District Attorney Fuller "refreshed" the Lions' memories of the eighteen school shootings that have occurred in the United States within the last four years. The most recent occurrence was in California; less than two weeks ago. Students have been killed and numerous others wounded.

The district attorney told the Elba Lions about steps that his office is taking in hopefully preventing such occurrences occurring in local schools.

One such program which is in the process of being implemented is S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violence in Education). This program is designed to facilitate all school systems in Coffee and Pike counties in obtaining information about school violence or drugs in local schools through anonymous information designed after the Crimestoppers program except that it is tailored toward school

aged children.

The program's objective is to reward students with monetary or tangible compensation for information leading school officials as to any potential school violence, handguns, weapons or drugs being possessed in local schools so that these dangers can be eliminated prior to the occurrence of any dangerous act.

In pointing out why a school intervention program is needed

locally, Fuller told Lion members that as recently as this week, five students in schools located in the 12th Judicial District have been expelled for threatening to kill their fellow students; two in Troy, two in Enterprise, and one in Kinston.

"If you think it can't happen in our community...I think we are kidding ourselves," said Fuller.

The DA pointed out that over the past five years school violence in urban and suburban schools has increased - in some incidences - as much as 59 percent. He also pointed out that local, state and federal prison systems' populations continue to increase at an alarming rate.

Fuller pointed out some characteristics of serious or chronic juvenile offenders that parents and school officials should be aware of. The most recent case is that of a 13-year-old boy, family income, child deemed troublesome by teachers and peers at age 8-10, poor school performance by age 10, psychomotor clumsiness, low non-verbal IQ, convicted of crime, and history of head injury and/or physical/sexual abuse.

Some constructive initiatives that can be taken to prevent school violence are: create a safety net for children by ensuring that there are activities for every age group from preschool to high school, make sure that every child has at least one supervisor/adult who will give positive guidance, and integrate public services in such a way that special help is created for especially vulnerable children, and ensure there is a coordinated violence-prevention plan in all schools that goes beyond metal detectors.

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After the docket call, there were 26 cases set for trial, 23 were to be plead or tried, 56 were continued, 12 left pending, 1 defendant granted youthful offender status, 4 entered pleas and 1 defendant had a hearing scheduled in his case.

The following is a list of the defendants, their charges and their disposition in each case:

State of Alabama Vs Larry Hines, charged with robbery in the second degree; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Alan Lee Gifferson, charged with burglary in the third degree, case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs Angel Lavelle Hill; charged with possession/receiving cocaine, use/possession drug paraphernalia, and distribution of cocaine; case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs Dorlan Hammond; charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs Wallace Holmes; charged with attempted murder in the first degree; case set for trial or plea.

State of Alabama Vs Rodney Hansford; charged with theft in the first degree; case continued.

State of Alabama Vs James Carl Monroe; charged with controlled substance; case pending.

State of Alabama Vs Michael Nicholson; charged with two (2) counts of burglary in the third degree; case set for trial or plea.

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